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Farmers and Congress.

That the agricultural community is at length beginning to assert itself, and that it is beginning to appreciate that it must act as a body to induce legislators, both state and national, to look a little more to its interests, is becoming quite evident.

extent, at least, of cleansing and purifying the political atmosphere of the country.—Canadian Farmer.

Farmers and Bees.

Everything in bee-keeping does not depend upon location. The manner in which many farmers keep their bees, almost force one to conclude that they are either too ignorant or ignorant to keep them successfully.

Digestion in the Horse.

The horse's stomach has a capacity of only about sixteen quarts, while that of the ox has two hundred and fifty. In the intestines this proportion is reversed, the horse having a capacity of one hundred and ninety quarts, against one hundred of the ox.

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring.) That the committee on agriculture of the respective houses be, and they are hereby, instructed to consider generally the subject of agriculture, and report, by bill or otherwise, what can or ought to be done by the general government to better advance, encourage and foster agricultural interests; and that said committees shall have the power to send for persons and papers.

SWEET POTATO VINE.—This is really desirable vine, says the American Garden, for the house, is a rapid grower and is much more delicate in appearance under house culture than when grown out of doors.

There are questions, political in their nature, constantly coming up before our notice, demanding our immediate and earnest attention; questions affecting our welfare as a class, and which we should be ready to grapple with like men.

surface. Light lands, however, should have a flat furrow; we wish to make such lands more compact.—New York World.

The failure of the negotiations between Mgr. Masella and Prince Bismarck recalls the story of Nisbahr, "There are two sorts of negotiations with the Roman curia," said he; "those which a common clerk could conduct to an end, and those which the Archangel Gabriel couldn't."

Strayed.

From the residence of the undersigned, in South Salem, a horse colt that will be two years old next spring. He is very dark color, and will be dark brown or bay; is medium size, and well put up.

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